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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



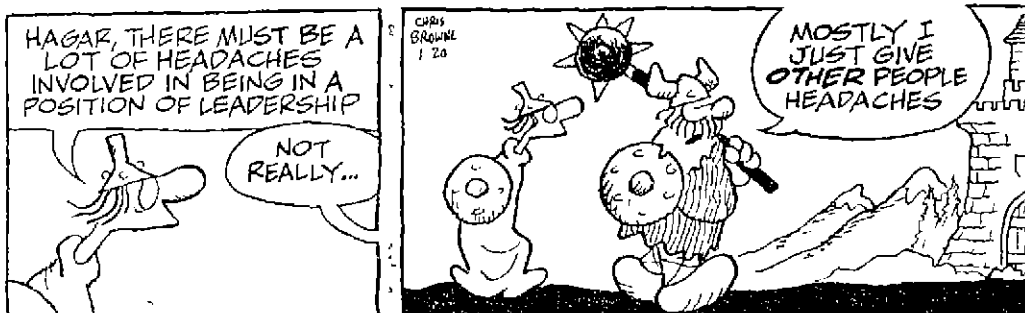
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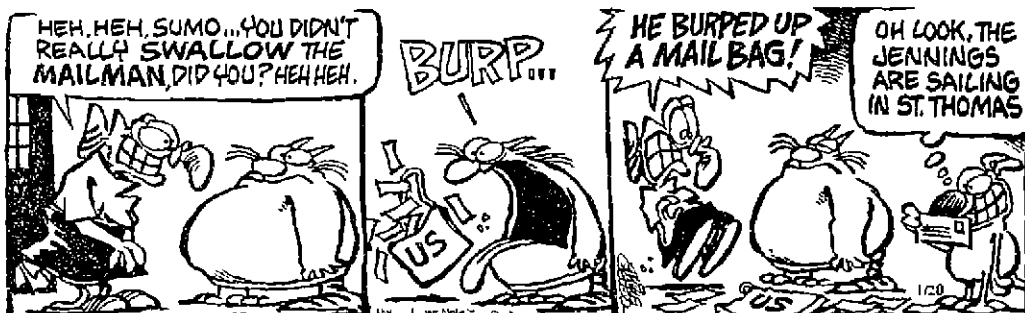
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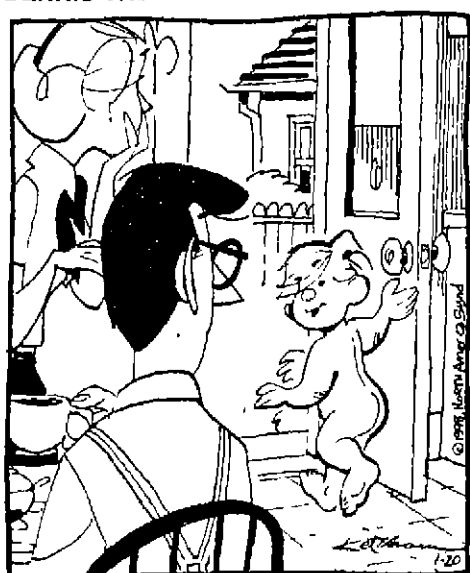
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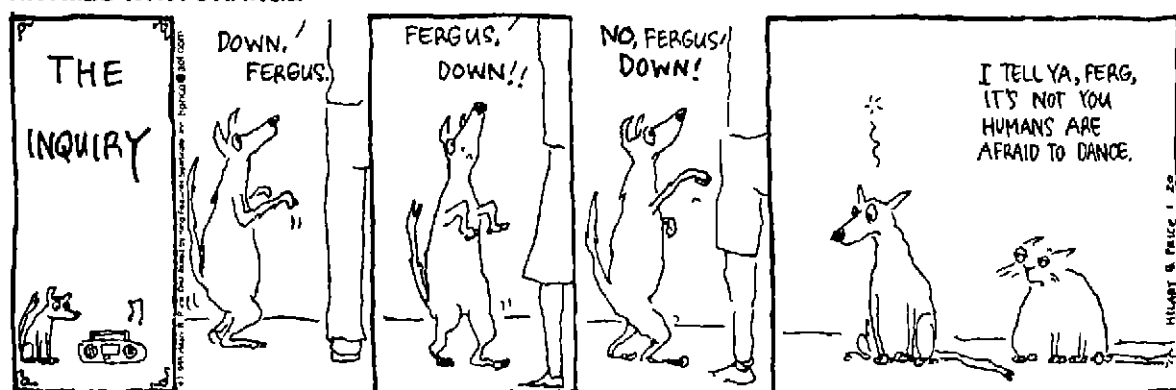
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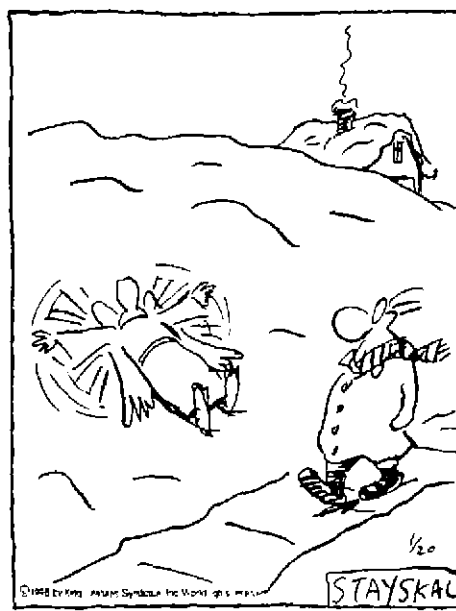
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

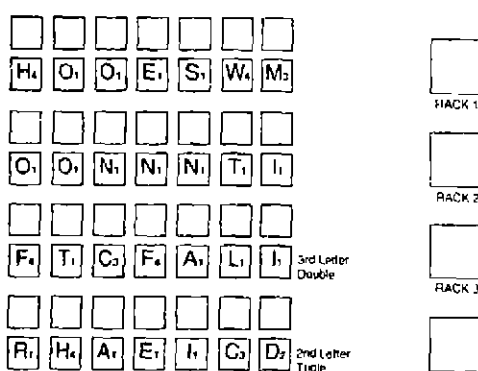
Country singer Slim Whitman is 74. Actress Patricia Neal is 72. Former astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is 68. Pop singer Ron Townson (The Fifth Dimension) is 65. Comedian Arte Johnson is 64. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 48. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 46. Comedian Bill Maher is 42. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 40. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 33. Singer Xavier is 30.

I NEED HELP



Ted sleeps at a motel.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 10 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-20-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

On -

U U R O K H T D A X U O N K H
E B Y E V S A P M J H E B Y V
T O O L C I R G N D L B Y W K
T Y R P M N G K O I L L F R D
B Y A W U S E Q O O A M A K I
F D B W Z G T F M G B M E C X
W U S Q D O N L E J E H M F D
C T H E W A Y A H H H H I Y P
W V E G N I O G T T T S T O Q
P H N L K I H R I A E H T F E
T Y T U D R A O B C B Z Y W V

Monday's unlisted clue: PLANET

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: TOLD BY A WATCH

Board	Going	The edge	The moon
Broadway	Target	The fence	The way
Call	The air	The go	Top
Duty	The ball	The mark	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This will be a very busy day for you both at home and on the job. However, you're more than up to those tasks and will accomplish much by day's end.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Even though you think someone special has you hanging on a string, don't despair. Patience will win in the end, and romance will flourish.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are highly motivated at work and will even amaze yourself with your efficiency.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're feeling restless and independent and might not be in a very cooperative mood at work and at home. It's wise to fight these feelings and try harder to work with others.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you've been looking to make a change in jobs, this is the time to pursue the venture.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Someone with whom you'd lost contact will appear out of the blue. This will be a most exciting and romantic reunion.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) While everyone around you at work seems to be running around with no purpose, you're quietly getting things done.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your magnetism is unbeatable, so take advantage of it and get out and about. Socializing is heavily favored.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're in a generous mood. Indulge this and pick up some surprise gifts for your loved ones.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There is something not up to par with a business partner, but you're not able to put your finger on it. The best way to find out is to ask directly.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Although you will be unprepared for what will occur financially, the news is not bad at all.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You will be of a creative bent this day and have excellent intuition where those interests are concerned.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Low cunning and deceitful innocence can be useful attributes in any bridge game. Today's heroine, Dominique Pilon of Paris (West), won a hand of the year award for her deceptive defense. Albert Dormer of England reported the play. At one table of a team match, East took his 10 and queen of diamonds and returned the king. South ruffed with his jack and West overruffed with his king. Although West returned a club, South was in command. He won East's club queen and drew the last trump. This gave him two trump entries to dummy to take a ruffing finesse in hearts, limiting his losses to only two diamonds and the trump king. In the replay after three rounds of diamonds with South ruffing with his jack, Pilon casually threw a club instead of overruffing. What was South to think? Naturally he placed the trump king with East and decided to take a trump finesse against East, reaching dummy via a club ruff. Confidently he conceded a club, ruffed a club in dummy, and took the trump finesse against East. This lost to Pilon's singleton king, and instead of 10 tricks, South won only nine. Although the record is unclear, consider the painful problem for South had East won the second club to lead another diamond. Should South ruff with the nine and lose a game if West had the 10? Or should he ruff with the queen and lose a game if East had the K-10? Much agonizing for sure, only to discover it no longer mattered.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♥ A Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ 8 3

WEST
♠ K
♥ 9 7 6 5 3 2
♦ 7 1
♣ K J 6 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ K 8 4
♦ A K Q 10 6
♣ Q 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 8 5 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ A 10 4

Vulnerable Both
Dealer West

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♦ 4♠
Pass Pass Pass

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ACROSS

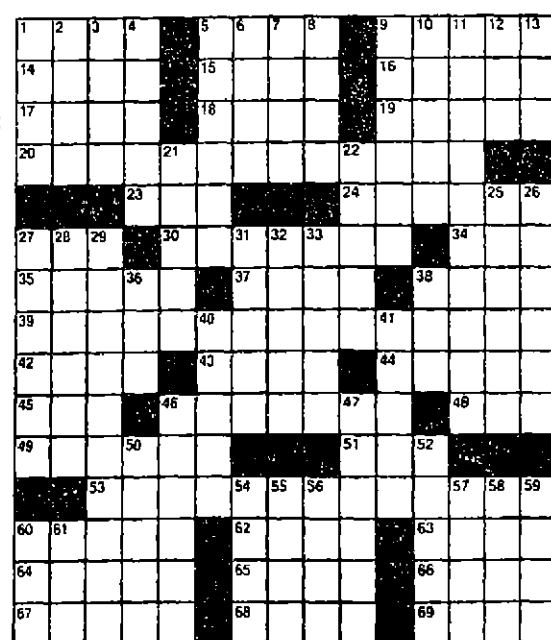
- 1 Pea holders
- 5 Coagulate
- 9 Not bold
- 14 Declare
- 15 Frost
- 16 "Swan Lake" maiden
- 17 Stupefy
- 18 Moflo at the Met
- 19 Nice — (prudish one)
- 20 Popular sing-along tune of 1925
- 23 Whiz
- 24 Picked at, picked at, picked at
- 27 Hubbub
- 30 Fill with feeling
- 34 Literary mits
- 35 Minor dents
- 37 What a chapeau covers
- 38 Art Deco pioneer
- 39 1954 song with a repeating title
- 42 "O.K. why not?"
- 43 Bagel or bialy
- 44 Type type
- 45 Prefix with sphere or disaster
- 46 Visits
- 48 Kind of school
- 49 Clog
- 51 — mineral
- 53 1954 #1 hit by the Chordettes
- 60 Meager
- 62 Foolish fellow
- 63 Mustachioed artist
- 64 Postal scale unit
- 65 Revolutionary hero Nathan
- 66 Prez
- 67 Beautician's device
- 68 Scent
- 69 "Casablanca" role

DOWN

- 1 Goalie gear
- 2 Face's shape, approximately
- 3 Nap
- 4 Win all the games
- 5 One of a set of 64, maybe
- 6 Fluff
- 7 Home of the Hawks with "the"
- 8 Hawks or Seahawks e.g.
- 9 Deli meat offering
- 10 Notions
- 11 Grain grinder's power source
- 12 — timed
- 13 Actress Susan
- 21 Color separator
- 22 Violinist
- 23 Home in the country
- 26 Considered
- 27 Confounds
- 28 Run the show
- 29 Drinker's excess
- 31 Sen. Thurmond
- 32 "The Old Wives Tale" dramatist
- 33 Biased writing? Abbr.
- 36 Bromo target
- 38 Bit of work
- 40 Let fall, in poetry
- 41 Israel's Moshe
- 48 General called Yellowhair
- 47 Kitchen gadget
- 50 — nez
- 52 Milk source
- 54 Hollow reply?
- 55 Way to go
- 56 Fly like Lindy
- 57 60's 70's dress
- 58 Novelist Waugh
- 59 Shaver's woe
- 60 Green cover
- 61 Junkyard dog

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

UNCLE DEER EVAN
SOLAR RAKE MINE
AMOUR ORES USER
FEUD WONDERLAND
DECAL TOASTS
CONRAD BESOT
UNI DICED TESLA
EONS SALEM SHOW
DREAR FINAL ABE
LEVEE YAWNED
REGALE SOBIG
IVORY TOWER ERSE
PARI OSHA ALIEN
EDGE ELAL IDLEO
NEED DOTS TSARS



Puzzle by Fran and Lou Sabat

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